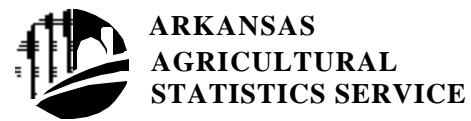


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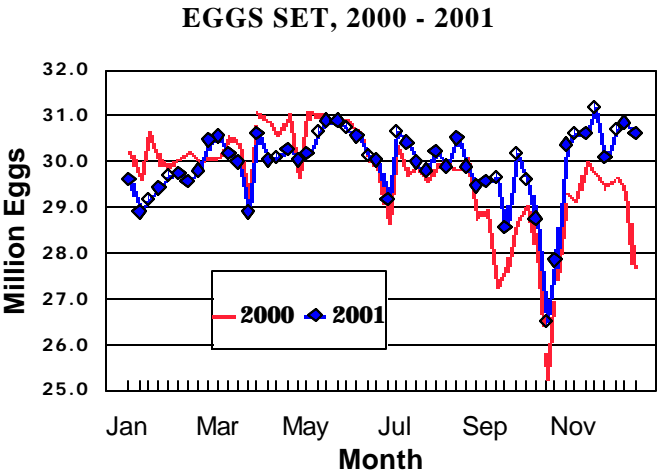
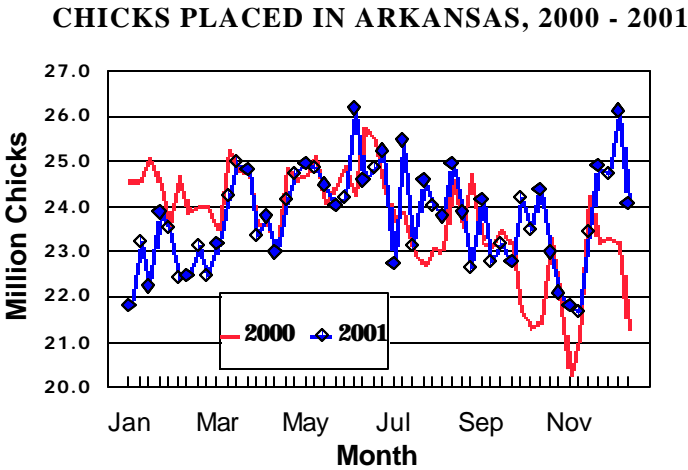
ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 13 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.1 million during the week ending December 29, 2001, according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. Placements were up 13 percent from the comparable week in 2000, but 8 percent below the previous week, and included 2.6 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through December 29, 2001 were 1.24 billion, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 24.7 million, up 5 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but 4 percent below the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.8 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.0 percent.

Arkansas hatcheries set 30.6 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending December 29, 2001, up 3 percent from the same period last year but 1 percent below the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2000	2001	% Change	2000	2001	% Change	2000	2001	% Change
	1,000			1,000			1,000		
Nov. 24	21,146	21,689	103	22,411	23,031	103	29,980	30,582	102
Dec. 1	24,253	23,459	97	24,418	25,047	103	29,753	31,179	105
Dec. 8	23,217	24,937	107	24,193	25,189	104	29,442	30,081	102
Dec. 15	23,334	24,756	106	24,856	25,240	102	29,661	30,701	104
Dec. 22	23,229	26,129	112	24,531	25,714	105	29,348	30,830	105
Dec. 29	21,286	24,073	113	23,577	24,677	105	27,110	30,596	113



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BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 15 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2001											
EGGS SET (in Thousands)						CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)					
TATE	Week Ending				1/		Week Ending				1/
	08-Dec	15-Dec	22-Dec	29-Dec	%	24-Nov	01-Dec	08-Dec	15-Dec	22-Dec	29-Dec
Alabama	29,262 *	29,301	29,315	29,504	106	18,995	20,473	21,412	21,853	22,331	21,968
ARKANSAS	31,179	30,081	30,701	30,830	105	21,833	21,689	23,459	24,937	24,756	26,129
Delaware	3,617	3,560	3,398 *	3,665	89	5,570	4,764	5,324	4,508	4,926 *	5,038
Florida	2,306	2,310	2,282	2,384	97	2,218	2,516	2,143	2,523	1,927	2,482
Georgia	32,615 *	30,928	31,488	31,682	104	23,937	23,241	25,081	25,558	24,079 *	26,249
Maryland	10,002	7,409	8,867	8,816	105	4,262	5,321	5,599	5,627	5,386 *	6,337
Mississippi	18,784 *	18,658	19,024	18,997	104	13,886	15,292	14,461	15,427	15,193	15,654
N. Carolina	19,231 *	17,848	18,758	19,249	106	13,661	14,375	14,853	14,597	15,113	15,124
Pennsylvania	3,876	3,789	3,942 *	3,858	104	2,563	2,438	2,763	2,746	2,872 *	2,734
S. Carolina	4,710	4,690	4,482	4,922	104	3,266	3,755	4,229	3,756	3,816	3,751
Texas	14,833	14,934	14,924	15,029	104	9,523	11,157	11,452	11,242	11,569	11,796
Virginia	6,559	6,537	6,635	6,493	104	4,838	4,741	4,931	5,076	5,004	5,493
VA TN & W VA	11,081	10,426	10,672 *	10,822	96	9,086	9,533	9,770	9,513	9,655 *	9,104
Total 2001	188,055 *	180,471	184,488 *	186,251		133,638	139,295	145,477	147,363	146,627 *	151,859
Total 2000	180,423	176,288	179,814	179,487		128,656	134,733	144,183	143,211	144,833	144,082
% PREV. YEAR	104	102	103	104		104	103	101	103	101	105
APPROXIMATE MARKETING DATE 2002.....						12-Jan	19-Jan	26-Jan	02-Feb	09-Feb	16-Feb
Revised .	1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.										

Kentucky	5,283	5,009	4,880	4,880	- -	3,704	3,935	4,046	4,056	4,094	4,136	- -
Oklahoma	6,375	6,357	6,195	6,351	- -	4,074	4,293	5,677	5,225	4,487	4,495	- -
LA & MO	9,821	8,814	9,288	9,127	- -	8,570	9,224	8,758	8,148	8,979	8,540	- -
9 StateTotal	209,534 *	200,651	204,851 *	206,609		149,986	156,747	163,958	164,792	164,187 *	169,030	
Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States are being published for the first time in the weekly broiler program.												

EGGS SET IN 15 MAJOR BROILER PRODUCING STATES UP 4 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-state weekly program set 184 million eggs during the week ending December 29, 2001. This was up 4 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatch ability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 5 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-state weekly program placed 146 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 29, 2001. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through December 29, 2001 were 7.60 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

NOTE: Beginning January 2, 2002, the Broiler Hatchery report will ONLY be available under “Publications” on the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service Home-Page at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ar/>. Please call 1-800-327-2970 if you do not have access to internet service and would like to continue receiving copies of the report by mail.